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PRELIMINARY

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1. SUMMARY: JAPAN'S INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS,
S.A., BOTH CONTINUED TO RISE STRONGLY IN MARCH. DURING
JAN-MARCH QUARTER, PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS ROSE 2.7 PCT
AND 3.1 PCT, RESPECTIVELY. INVENTORY TO SHIPMENTS RATIO
DECLINED RAPIDLY DURING THE FIRST QUARTER. END SUMMARY.
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2. ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY DATA RELEASED APRIL 27 BY
THE MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI),
JAPAN'S INDEX OF MINING AND MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION, S.A.
ROSE 1.6 PCT OVER THE PRIOR MONTH, RECORDING THE FIFTH
STRAIGHT MONTH OF STRONG ADVANCE. EXCLUDING SHIPS, THE
MARCH PRODUCTION INCREASE WAS A SLIGHTLY LARGER 1.8 PCT.

IN MARCH PRODUCTION OF ELECTRIC AND TRANSPORTATION MACHINERY AND CHEMICALS INCREASED RAPIDLY WHILE OUTPUT OF PRECISION MACHINERY AND PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS DECLINED.

3. PRODUCERS' SHIPMENTS OF FINISHED GOODS IN MINING AND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, S.A., INCREASED 1.9 PCT IN MARCH, ALSO RECORDING THE FIFTH STRAIGHT MONTH OF ADVANCE. EXCLUDING SHIP DELIVERIES, PRODUCERS' SHIPMENTS RECORDED A SLIGHTLY LARGER INCREASE OF 2.0 PCT IN MARCH.

4. INDEX OF PRODUCERS' INVENTORIES OF FINISHED GOODS IN MINING AND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, S.A., DECLINED IN MARCH BY 2.0 PCT. RATIO OF PRODUCERS' INVENTORIES OF FINISHED GOODS TO SHIPMENTS DECLINED IN MARCH FOR THE FIFTH CONSECUTIVE MONTH, DOWN 2.6 PCT FROM THE FEB LEVEL, WITH RATE OF DECLINE ACCELERATING RECENTLY.

5. FOLLOWING ARE PRELIMINARY MITI DATA ON MARCH INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDICES, S.A, 1975 EQUALS 100:

	FEB	MARCH	PERCENT
	(REVISED)	(PRELIM)	INCREASE

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION:

ALL INDUSTRIES	119.2	121.2	1.7
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PUBLIC UTILITIES	118.2	118.6	0.3
MINING AND MANUFACTURING	119.4	121.3	1.6
MINING	106.7	106.6	-0.1
MANUFACTURING	119.4	121.5	1.8
MINING AND MANUFACTURING			
EXCLUDING SHIPS	122.2	124.4	1.8

PRODUCERS' SHIPMENTS:

ALL INDUSTRIES	118.5	120.7	1.9
MINING AND MANUFACTURING	118.6	120.9	1.9
MANUFACTURING	118.7	120.9	1.9
MINING AND MANUFACTURING			
EXCLUDING SHIPS	119.7	122.1	2.0

PRODUCERS' INVENTORIES OF FINISHED GOODS:

MINING AND MANUFACTURING	105.3	103.2	-2.0
MINING	95.7	109.4	14.3
MANUFACTURING	105.2	103.2	-1.9
RATIO OF INVENTORY TO SHIPMENTS	87.9	85.6	-2.6

6. FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS QUARTERLY PCT CHANGES IN PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS, INVENTORIES, AND INVENTORY TO SHIPMENT RATIO, S.A.

- PRODUCTION SHIPMENTS INVENTORIES SHIP RATIO

1977:APR-JUNE	-0.1	-1.0	2.2	4.0
- JUL-SEP	-0.2	0	0.7	-0.5
- OCT-DEC	1.5	1.7	-0.6	-1.8
1978:JAN-MAR	2.7	3.1	-0.2	-2.6

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